

## IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR HARRISON COUNTY

KRISTY R SKARIN  
JEFFREY A SKARIN

04431 LACV031058

Petitioner,

**ORDER**

VS

STATE FARM FIRE &amp; CASUALTY COMPANY

Respondent.

On April 9, 2024, the jury trial in this matter began. The parties waived formal reporting of voir dire and opening statements. The parties stipulated to exhibits. The jury was impaneled and sworn at 11:20 a.m. The jury was admonished and a recess was taken. Counsel for the parties made opening statements. The jury was admonished and a recess was taken.

Plaintiffs presented evidence. The jury was admonished and excused at 3:35 p.m.

Trial resumed on April 10, 2024, outside the presence of the jury. The court overruled the plaintiff's motion in limine regarding defendant offering any expert opinion testimony that Jeff Skarin intentionally set the fire.

The plaintiffs presented additional testimony and rested. The defendant offered testimony. The jury was admonished and a recess was taken.

Record was made outside the presence of the jury regarding jury instructions.

Trial resumed and the defendant presented testimony. The defendant rested. Plaintiffs offered no rebuttal.

The parties made closing arguments. Jury deliberations began at 3:40 p.m. on April 10, 2024. The court answered a jury question after consultation with counsel.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict in favor of the defendant State Farm Fire & Casualty on April 10, 2024.

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So Ordered

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Kathleen A. Kilnoski, District Court Judge,  
Fourth Judicial District of Iowa

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